

## REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-25 were pending of which claims 19-24 were withdrawn. Claims 1-18 were rejected. Claims 6 and 16 were objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent forms.

In this response, claims 16 and 19-24 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 6, and 25 have been amended. New claims 26-28 have been added. No new matter has been added.

Specifically, independent claims 1 and 25 have been amended to include an allowable subject matter of the objected to claim 16. Claim 6 has been amended as an independent claim including substantially all limitations of the base and intervening claims. Claims 26 and 28 include limitations similar to those recited in the amended claim 6. Claim 27 includes limitations similar to those recited in the amended claim 1. Thus, independent claims 1, 6, and 25-28 are allowable. Given that the rest of the claims depend from one of the above independent claims, it is respectfully submitted that the rest of the claims are allowable.

Claims 1-18 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101. In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection has been overcome.

Claims 1-18 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over an article entitled "Through the bidding maze. (how to avoid common errors in presenting your bid to Uncle Sam)". In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection has been overcome.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite

or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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